

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1696 – SB 1762

March 15, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Redefines the powers of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee system (UT Board of Trustees or Board) to include: employing a chief executive officer of the University of Tennessee system who shall also serve as the president of the system; defining the president's duties; establishing the salaries and terms of employment of the president, administrative personnel, professors, teachers, and other officers and employees of the system or the individual institutions.

Authorizes the UT Board of Trustees to remove the President, chief executive officers of the Tennessee system institutions, or any other officer or employee of the system or institution.

Requires the Board to receive the recommendation of the President prior to the dismissal of a Chief Executive Officer of an institution and grants the Board the final authority to make such decisions. The chief executive officers of the system institutions shall report directly to the President of the system. Authorizes the President of the University of Tennessee to appoint a general advisory committee with approval of the UT Board of Trustees and removes the power from the Governor. Authorizes the Board, rather than the President of the University of Tennessee, to appoint the Executive Director of the Institute for Public Service.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013684): Adds language to the bill such that the only substantive change is to require the Tennessee Higher Education Committee (THEC) to coordinate and administer an orientation training program and an ongoing continuing program to inform members of the UT Board of Trustees of their powers and duties.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No change in number of employees of the University of Tennessee system or its member institutions.
- No change in salary, benefits, or other compensation for University of Tennessee system or member institution employees.
- No change in the composition of the UT Board of Trustees.
- The Board will exercise the powers granted to it by this bill as amended in the normal course of business.
- THEC will coordinate and administer within their existing resources a program for informing members of the UT Board of Trustees of their powers and duties. Any such increase in state expenditures is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated without any additional appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- No fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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